

Citizens for Wind Energy
Slide Presentation 2011

Quotes/Remarks:
Business Community

5/16/11 Lowell McDonald

McDonald's Food center has had the privilege of serving customers of Michigan's thumb for over 56 years. We have been blessed by many investments being made in farming, small industry, seasonal, retail and now wind energy-all of which have helped our business survive four generations. Thank you.

5/16/11 Luke McDougall/ Theut Products, Inc.

These wind projects have allowed many opportunities for us to employ and work with people throughout our state. Michigan expanding into the renewable energy field allows us to continue our Michigan owned and family operated business, providing a strong foundation with uncompromising dedication to service and quality.

5/16/11 Greg Talaski/ Bad Axe Tire

I, Greg Talaski, got a lot of work from the Wind Energy projects and I think that it will help people get jobs and give the people spending money.

5/16/11 Pat Lerash/ Franklin Inn

The wind farms in Elkton and Ubyly have brought much needed business to the surrounding area. For the Franklin Inn, the wind farms have brought business to our hotel, restaurant, and lounge. "To us wind farms mean growth and profit."

5/16/11 Thumb Hardware & Appliance, Elkton

During the construction of Harvest Wind 1 in 2007 Barnhart Crane and Rigging Co. became a daily customer of ours. They had a positive impact on our business, as well as other businesses in the area. The work of the maintenance crews also helps to sustain the local economy. Another positive factor that is difficult to measure is the number of people that travel into the area to observe and learn more about the wind turbines.

5/12/11 Mildred Schuette/ Pigeon IGA

Here at Pigeon IGA we experienced a definite increase in business while the turbines were being constructed. The most noticeable was in our deli department along with snacks and beverages.

5/13/11 Patricia Anderson, CEO Cooperative Elevator

Cooperative Elevator Co. has had an increase in inquiries regarding the carbon footprint of our products. Wind energy can reduce the carbon footprint. Products with a reduced carbon footprint are more "green" and appeal to a growing segment of consumers.

5/16/11 Mark Krueger/President Auto Color NAPA. Elkton

Just from the construction of the wind turbines our company has been a supplier for them and we also provide maintenance products after they have been completed.

Clean energy is the future and as technology improves they will be even more efficient. Our area is lucky to have this (these wind farms) when our economy is so hard pressed.

5/16/11 Betty Brunni/Pigeon Hardware

The wind turbines have been a positive addition to the Thumb. During construction, we welcomed the workers into our store to purchase supplies and equipment. We embrace the use of renewable energy sources and are proud that the Thumb has become a part of the movement.

5/18/11 Jay Dubey, CEO Thumb National Bank & Trust Co.

Time and again I receive inquiries about the existence and development of wind farms in Huron County from my peers throughout the State of Michigan. Their reaction is always one of awe and admiration for how progressive and future-minded our county is. They equate this with Huron County being a great place to live and work. The economic benefits that could evolve from these projects are endless.

5/23/11 Buchholz Transport

Buchholz Transport was actively involved in Harvest Wind 1 (2007), in the Elkton and Pigeon area. Our company was also involved in Michigan Wind 1 (2008), in the Ubley area. At times, over 20 trucks were utilized during either project. We were involved in the transportation of base material, sand, limestone, and aggregate for concrete plants. We also made use of our flatbeds in the transportation of tower sections, turbine hubs, and crane parts.

Buchholz Transport feels that the wind farm projects to date have been a major economic plus for the community. Within our company these projects have added new jobs along with contributing to existing ones. We strongly support the development of wind farms in the thumb area.

5/25/11 Richard S. Cook, President, United Title Agency

During these tough economic times many title companies around the State have been forced to close operations or scale back, costing many employees their jobs. Because of the work generated by the Wind Projects, I have not had any layoffs. I estimate that two of my employees owe their jobs directly to the additional work created by the Wind Energy Projects.